



CLAY THOMPSON
District 3 Director

**Board Actions
AUGUST 2017**

Approved the Department Production and Financial Reports.

Approved Director Thompson as Voting delegate for Mid-West Electric Consumer Assoc. meeting.

Approved Work Order Inventory for \$297,181.66.

Approved Director Forster as Voting delegate and Director Hodgkiss as Alternate Voting delegate for NRECA Region 7 meeting.

Approved Polycys 3-8 Red Flag Prevention, 1-8 Conflict of Interest and Policy 1-4 Nomination and Election of Officers and Representatives of the Board of Directors.



Quick Tips to Keep Data Safe:

- Keep all software on internet-connected devices — including PCs, tablets and smartphones — up to date to reduce risk of infection from malware.
- Avoid the use of thumb drives and other portable memory devices.
- Create long passwords that only you will remember. Try utilizing phrases from your favorite song or movie, and include numbers and capital letters to strengthen passwords.
- Avoid opening emails and clicking links from suspicious or unknown senders.

Follow #cyberaware for more cybersecurity tips.





Member-Owned Service Proud



[RUSSELL WALDNER, GENERAL MANAGER]



October is “Co-op Month” and Electric Co-operatives along with other Member-Owned Cooperative business structures will be celebrating their honored and successful history. Carbon Power and Light Inc., has entered its 77th year of providing electrical service and Member-Owner requested, diversified services. Based on the positive comments we continually receive from you...we know that you appreciate our efforts. Our ongoing task is to continue to be the organization you’ve come to rely upon. As our logo states, we sincerely strive to be a “Member-Owned and Service Proud” Rural Electric Cooperative.

State for 2018. We have reviewed our (Carbon’s) need for increased revenue and have determined no rate increase for 2018.

Outages in Rock River and Elk Mountain Areas: For those of you living in the Rock River and Elk Mountain areas you are well aware of the outages we had for WAPA improvements. These outages should provide for increased reliability in the future.

As always...*please* call if you have questions and thanks for being the Member-Owners of Carbon Power and Light.

Russell

Stay safe out there!!

Rates: At this time, it appears there will not be a rate increase from Tri-

Carbon line crew members Skip Voss and Kirby Larson teaching kids how to climb at the WREA/Touchstone Energy booth at the 2017 Wyoming State Fair in Douglas.

Photo by Joe Parrie



There are Seven Cooperative Principles that give all co-ops guidance.

By Adam Schwartz, NRECA

October is National Co-op Month. The time of year when the 29,000 plus co-ops in the U.S. take a few moments to ensure their employees, members and the general public truly understand the value of the cooperative business they own. While I applaud any effort that brings more attention to co-ops, my feelings are best represented by a T-Shirt slogan, "October is Co-op Month - But I Cooperate All Year Long!"

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same core principles and values, adopted by the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA). Cooperatives trace the roots of these principles to the first modern cooperative founded in Rochdale, England in 1844.

One of the ways co-ops demonstrate that they are different from investor-owned businesses is by actually living the principles. Principle 6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives, is our focus this month, and there are many examples that demonstrate how co-ops do this every day. In theory this sounds so simple, answering the question, "Can't we all just get along?" As it turns out, it's easier to get along when we focus on what our personal or organizational self-interest is - and find others who have a similar self-interest.

This is how Carbon got started. Ordinary folks realized they would be better off working together if they wanted to bring electricity to their community. Once the co-op was established, we soon realized that if we work with our sister co-ops, we can gain control of our power supply, so we formed over 60 generation and transmission cooperatives such as Tri-State G&T, your local generation and transmission cooperative.

This pattern kept repeating, and soon electric co-ops cooperated to form new co-ops that offer a variety of services, such as financing, insurance, IT services and more to ensure that they had ownership and control over these core products. This was done to help serve you, our member-owners, by making sure there would be no interruption in these vital services that help us bring electricity to you.

This cooperation among cooperatives continues today, not only with co-ops directly related to the provision of electricity but in other sectors as well. Electric co-ops partner with credit unions, food co-ops, housing co-ops and others to help bring critical services to rural residents and businesses throughout the country. *Sam C Verplancke Jr* So while we take special note of the value of our cooperative in October, we are delighted to be a part of our community delivering vital services to you all year long.



October
is National Cybersecurity
Awareness Month.

Cybersecurity Tip
Create long passwords that only you will remember and change them every six months. Remember, a strong password is at least 12 characters long.

All cooperative businesses have at their foundation these seven cooperative principles to follow:

- 1. Voluntary and Open Membership***
- 2. Democratic Member Control***
- 3. Members' Economic Participation***
- 4. Autonomy and Independence***
- 5. Education, Training and Information***
- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives***
- 7. Concern for Community***

| Member Statistics Report | July 2016 | July 2017 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Financial | | |
| Total Utility Plant | \$41,322,243 | \$42,533,330 |
| Cost of Purchase Power | \$587,408 | \$617,354 |
| Expenses Less Power Cost | \$430,487 | \$448,500 |
| Tax & Interest Paid | \$51,675 | \$52,144 |
| Interest Received on Investments | \$3,587 | \$5,092 |
| Energized Line & Consumers | | |
| Miles of Energized Line | 1,961 | 1,967 |
| Consumers Per Mile | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Meters | | |
| Total Meters | 6,189 | 6,246 |
| Residential/Rural | 4,963 | 4,985 |
| Irrigation | 51 | 52 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 1,121 | 1,148 |
| Other | 105 | 61 |
| kWh Usage | | |
| Total kWh | 7,514,995 | 8,056,340 |
| Residential/Rural | 2,339,046 | 2,375,823 |
| Irrigation | 577,029 | 574,542 |
| Large Power/Commercial | 4,426,687 | 4,932,717 |
| Other | 172,233 | 173,258 |
| Averages | | |
| Avg. Residential kWh Used | 471 | 477 |
| Avg. Residential/Rural Bill | \$82 | \$86 |



Carbon welcomes any comments or questions members may have. If you have a question on any part of the cooperative business, please write or email the cooperative and we will see that your question is answered. Mail comments to Carbon Power & Light, Inc. P.O. Box 579, Saratoga, WY 82331, ATTN: Newsletter or email info@carbonpower.com.

Visit our website at: www.carbonpower.com
 Edited by Joe Parrie

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR POWER: Please check your breakers. If you can determine that your neighbors are also without power, call Carbon day or night at 307.326.5206 or 800.359.0249.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| DISTRICT 1 | DISTRICT 2 | DISTRICT 3 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gary Jacobsen | Bill Sherwood | Dick Clifton |
| Laurie Forster | Jerry Rabadue | Clay Thompson |
| Dan Hodgkiss | Kenny Curry | Jim Rogers |

For online bill pay or ACH: www.carbonpower.com
 For more information, please call the billing dept.

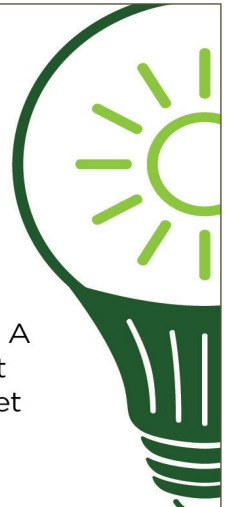
REMEMBER you can pay your bill at the following locations:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Rawlins National Bank | ANB | Bank of the West |
| 202 5th St | 3908 Grand Ave | 302 N. 1st St. |
| Rawlins, WY | Laramie, WY | Saratoga, WY |

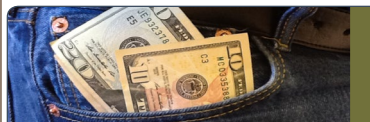
Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature – set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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MAY - SEPTEMBER
 Monday - Thursday ~ 7 AM - 5:30 PM

OCTOBER - APRIL
 Monday - Friday ~ 8 AM - 4:30 PM

